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Office of Planning, Housing & Community Development FY2014 Consolidated Plan and One year Action Plan

PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

- Purpose of Tonight's Meeting
- Overview: The Consolidated Planning Process
- Description of Block Grant Programs
- Last Year's Programs and Outcomes
- The Request for Proposals (RFP) Process
- Public Comments



Who we are



- A City department funded through several entitlement grants through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Located at 608 Pleasant Street (New Bedford Art Museum building)
- **Mission:**
 1. To engage residents, non-profit organizations, developers and the general public to articulate the City's needs and priorities for safe, decent, affordable housing, economic development, community services, and neighborhood revitalization;
 2. To utilize federal funding effectively to help low and moderate income residents achieve their vision of a healthy, livable community.

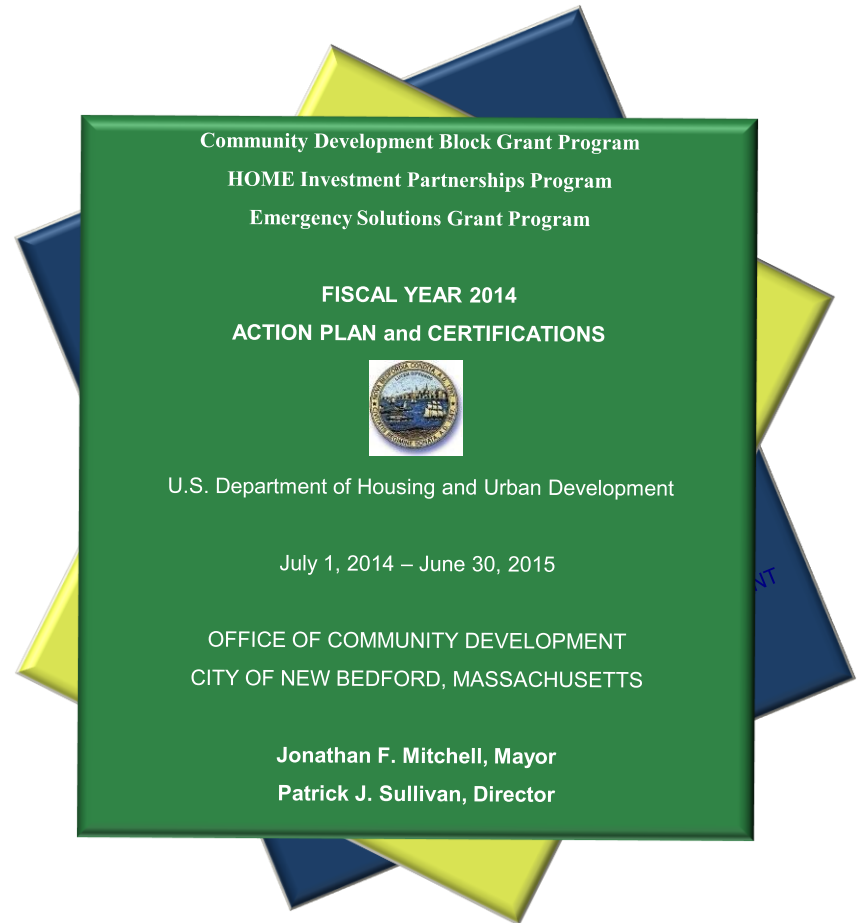
Why Does the City Consult?

- To get input and to solicit proposals for funding from citizens, community-based organizations, nonprofits, and City departments
- To identify projects that will benefit the city's low and moderate-income population
- To inform the public about community needs and available resources
- To learn more about hidden needs in the community
- To allow citizens an opportunity to bring forward ideas about how to address community needs



The Consolidated Planning Process

- The Consolidated Plan
- Priority Needs Assessment
- Annual Action Plan
- Public Participation



Consolidated Plan

- Master Plan for Housing and Community Development
- Required of all entitlement communities by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development
- A five year plan, FY2014 will mark the fifth year of our 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan

Major Goals?

- To provide safe, decent, and affordable housing
- To provide a suitable living environment
- To expand economic opportunities

Principally for low-moderate income persons (<80% of area median income)

Where does the plan come from?

- Data (Census statistics, etc.)
- Surveys and focus groups with residents, community and business leaders, neighborhood groups, etc.

Priority Needs Assessment

- Housing
- Public Facilities and Infrastructure
- Community Services
- Economic Development
- Homeless Facilities and Services



Action Plan

- One Year Document – Year Five of Five
- Identifies Programs and Objectives for Year
- July 1st – June 30th



Action Plan Funding Availability

Estimated Levels*

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) **\$ 2,664,667**

- Public Services
- Public Facility & Infrastructure Improvements
- Economic Development
- Housing
- Parks

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) **\$ 180,160**

- Homelessness Prevention Activities
- Street Outreach
- Emergency Shelter Operations
- Rapid Re-Housing

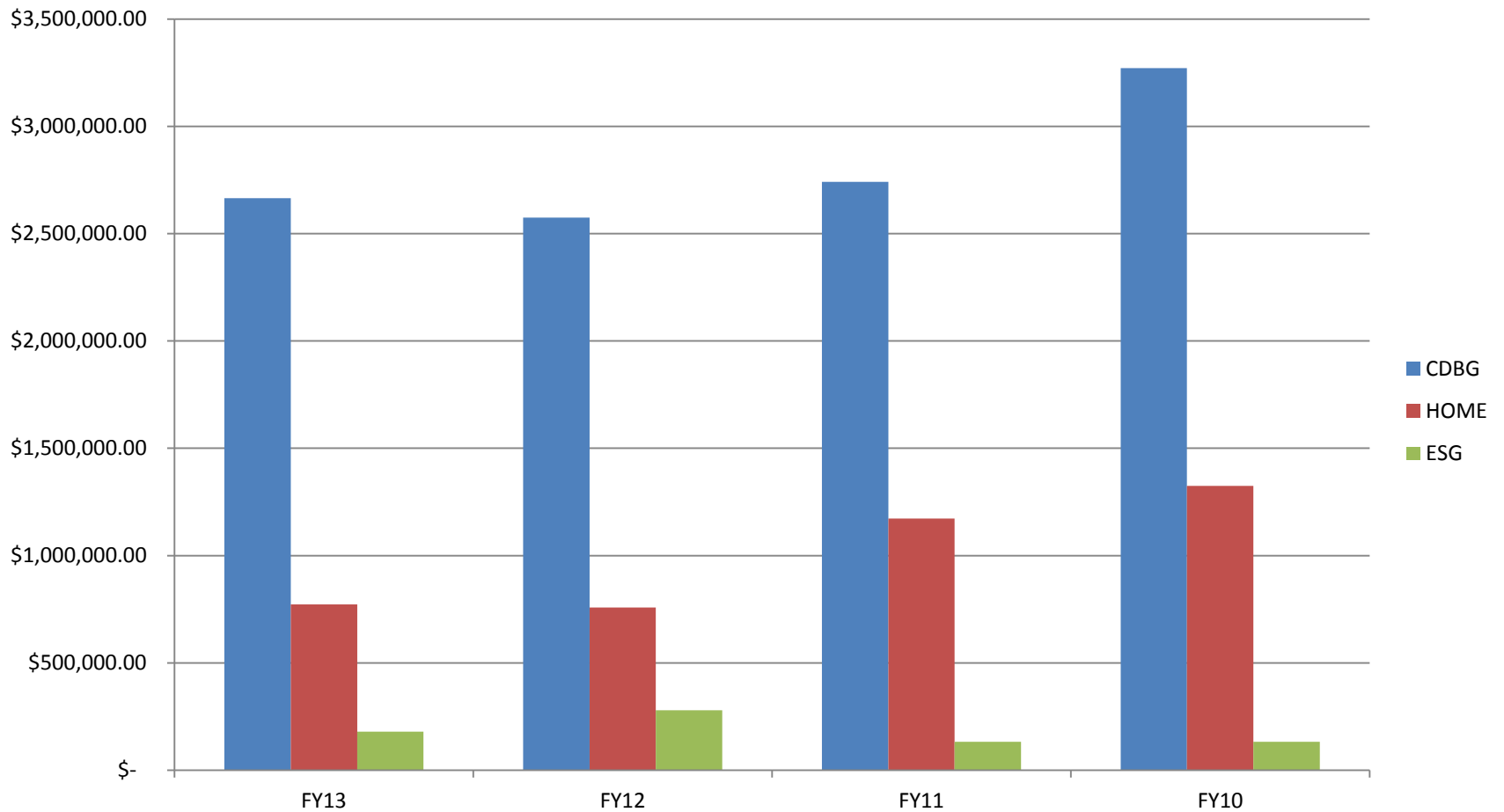
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM Funding **\$ 771,940**

- New Construction
- First Time Homebuyer Assistance
- Rental Housing
- CHDOs

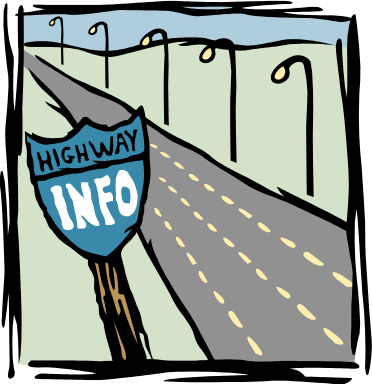
*Assumed to be close to last FY13 levels

FUNDING LEVELS

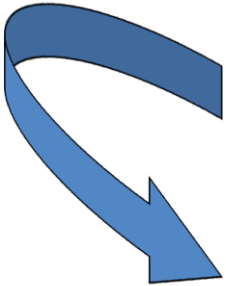
The CDBG and HOME Programs allocations dramatically decreased for the FY 2013 budget



How is the Community Informed?



- Public Meetings – January 8 & 9, 2014
- Print Advertising
- Public Access Cable Television
- Radio
- Flyers in the Community
- Email Notices
- Technical assistance Workshops January 10, 2014, 9 & 10am
- Web Site: www.newbedford-ma.gov/cd/welcome.html



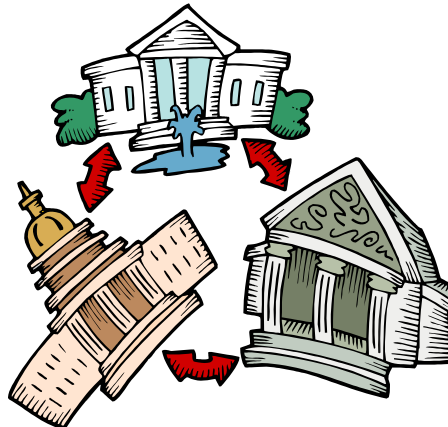
Look for instructions and RFPs on the website!

CDBG Community Input



Block Grant Programs

- Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)
- HOME Investment Partnership Program



Block Grant Programs

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds

Purpose: to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities

- Neighborhood revitalization activities
- Improved community facilities and services
- Expansion of economic opportunities for low-moderate income people (Who earn at or below 80% of the median income or are in an income eligible census tract)



Block Grant Programs

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds

INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Ineligible activities include, but are not limited to:

- Fundraising
- Political activities
- Expenses required to carry out the regular responsibilities of local government
- Income payments
- Buildings or portions thereof, used for general conduct of government
- Purchase of equipment, fixtures, motor vehicles, furnishings or other personal property



Block Grant Programs

CDBG funding: Typical Projects

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| Infrastructure Improvements | Streets and sidewalk restoration in eligible census tracts |
| Public Facilities | Rehabilitation of buildings - handicapped accessibility |
| Public Services | Recreation, health, counseling, case management for youth, seniors and those at-risk |
| Park Improvements | Park improvements (playground equipment, landscaping, lighting, etc.) in eligible census tracts |
| Housing and Rehab | Assistance to senior citizens, housing accessibility improvements, general rehab assistance |
| Economic Development | Job creation activities, storefront façade improvements, micro enterprise development |

Block Grant Programs

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT PROGRAM (ESG)

The stated objectives of the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program are to “increase the number and quality of emergency shelters and transitional housing facilities for homeless individuals and families, to operate these facilities and provide essential social services, and to help prevent homelessness.”

The ESG Program is designed to:

- Broaden existing emergency shelter & homelessness prevention activities;
- Emphasize rapid re-housing; and
- Help people quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

Block Grant Programs

The Emergency Solutions Grant Program may be used for:

- Street outreach;
- Emergency shelter;
- Homelessness prevention;
- Rapid re-housing assistance; and
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Block Grant Programs

Street Outreach & Emergency Shelter

- Eligible activities for street outreach include engagement, case management, emergency health and mental health services, transportation, and services for special populations.
- Eligible activities for emergency shelter include the same essential services as street outreach and also include shelter activities such as renovations and operations of facilities.
- Combined street outreach and emergency shelter expenditures cannot exceed 60% of the fiscal year's total ESG grant award.

Block Grant Programs

Homeless Prevention

- Funds can be used to prevent an individual or family from becoming homeless or to help an individual or family regain stability in current housing or other permanent housing.
- Eligible activities include housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and medium-term rental assistance for those who are **at risk** of becoming homeless.

Block Grant Programs

Rapid Re-Housing

- Eligible activities include housing relocation and stabilization services and short- and medium-term rental assistance for those who are *literally* homeless.

Block Grant Programs

Home Investment Partnership Program funds

Purpose - to provide, develop, support, produce, and expand the supply of decent and affordable housing

- New construction, rental housing and first time homebuyer programs for low and moderate income persons
- Assistance to approved Community Housing Development Organizations [CHDOs] that develop housing for low and moderate income persons



Block Grant Programs

HOME Activities: Typical Projects

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| First Time Homebuyers | Down payment and closing cost assistance, rehabilitation and gap funding |
| HOME Rental Housing | Assists developers in creating housing for low to moderate income individuals and families |
| HOME CHDO Development | Provide a 15% set aside to assist designated CHDOs in New Bedford in creating affordable housing |



What have we accomplished?

Programs and Outcomes

- Community Development Block Grant Projects
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program
- HOME Activities
- Total Expenditures in FY2013



CDBG Projects

- Roughly 12,634 City residents benefitted from CDBG-funded activities and programs
- 35 housing units were improved, de-leaded and rehabbed with CDBG dollars
- Over 6,406 beneficiaries were extremely low income



CDBG Projects

Public Services:

- 25 public service activities - \$362,050
- Ranging from recreation and arts programs to counseling, case management and transportation
- Services provided 33,014 units of service to 12,634 individuals



Public Services



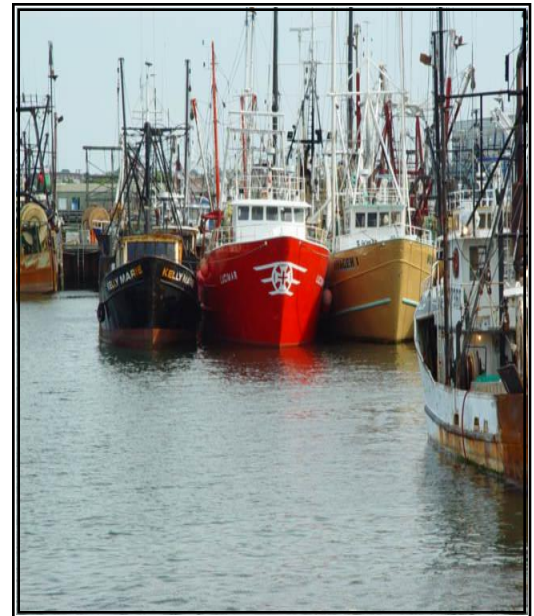
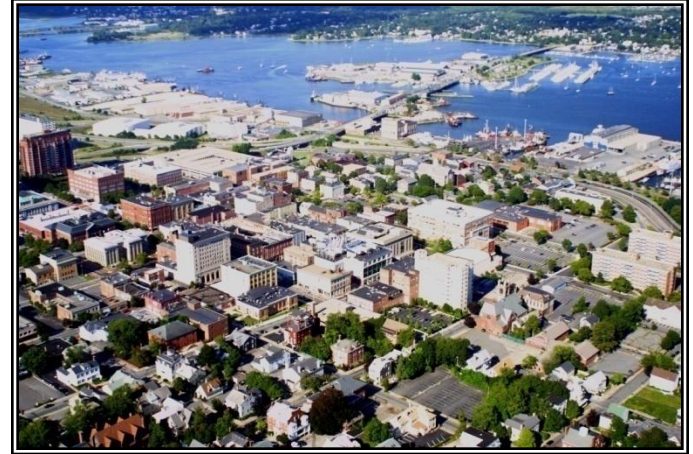
Public Services



CDBG Projects

Economic Development

- Microenterprise funds to support small business growth
- Loans to develop new business opportunities
- Funding for local business associations
- Storefront reimbursements for businesses in eligible census tracts



Public Improvements



International Marketplace



Brooklawn Park improvements

Public Improvements



Harmony Gardens

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CitiWorks Program

*Funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development's
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program*

Neighborhood Improvement Mini-grants
Information Session: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 @ 5pm
OHCD, 608 Pleasant St., New Bedford, MA

Up to \$2,000 for landscaping, beautification,
trees, community gardens and other neighborhood
improvement projects.

Application Deadline: Friday, April 12, 2013 at noon
Call the Office of Housing and Community Development for more information:
508.979.1500 ~ 508.979.1581
TTY 508-979-1661

City Works Program



Brooklawn Park

Homeless Programs

Emergency Shelter

- \$237,196 was expended to assist 835 new clients with emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, and basic needs



Homeless Programs

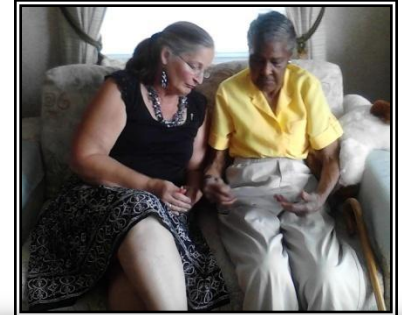
Continuum of Care Program

The Continuum of Care Program utilized **\$1,921,095** in funding to support rent subsidies for over **250 units** of permanent housing and **39 units** of transitional housing with supportive services to those who were experiencing homelessness.



HOUSING ACQUISITION & REHABILITATION

- ❑ Neighborhood's First, First Time Homebuyer Assistance
\$88,893 (HOME) provided **5 families** with down payment/closing costs and/or gap assistance
- ❑ HOME/ Rental Housing **\$300,000 (HOME)**
Provided funding for **5 units** of rental housing
- ❑ Financial Assistance Program **\$44,150 (CDBG)**
Provided rehab assistance for **3 units** of housing
- ❑ Housing Accessibility **\$94,193 (CDBG)**
Provided **13 units** with accessibility improvements
- ❑ Lead Paint Program **\$16,574 (CDBG)**
Provided **9 units** with rehab assistance
- ❑ First Time Homebuyer classes were attended by **192** people



Housing First Time Homebuyer



Housing



Request for Proposals(RFP) Process

- Availability of the RFP

Web Site: www.newbedford-ma.gov/cd/welcome.html

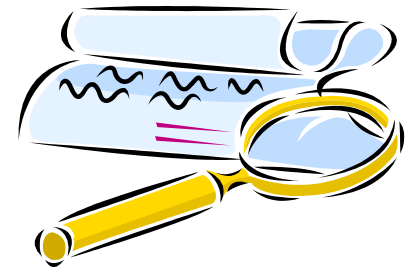
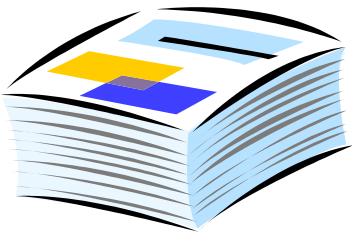
- Technical Assistance Workshop

CDBG: 9:00am

ESG: 10:00am

Friday, January 10, 2014

608 Pleasant Street, 2nd Floor



Availability of the RFP

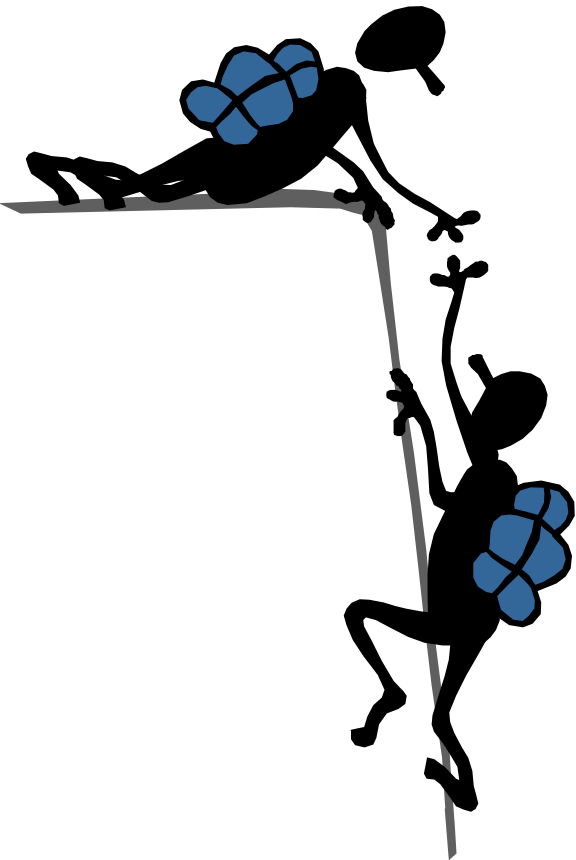
There are two (2) RFP Packets available:

1. CDBG Packet
2. ESG Packet

Each of these Packets is available :

1. TONIGHT from the staff
2. ONLINE at <http://www.newbedford-ma.gov/cd/welcome.html>
3. AT THE OHCD OFFICE 608 Pleasant Street

Technical Assistance Workshop

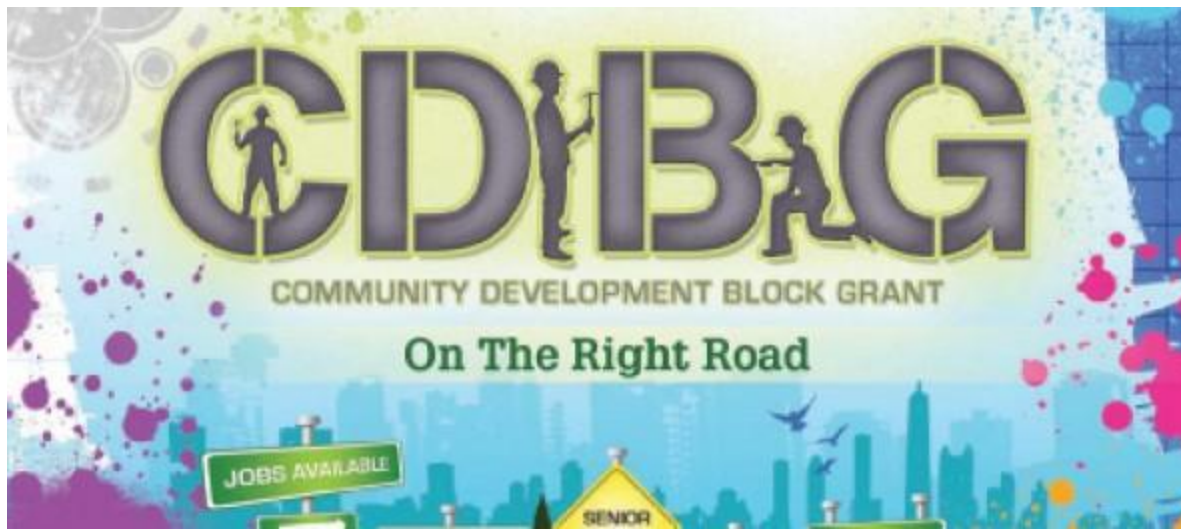


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City Wide Community Meetings:

Wednesday, January 8th at Carney Academy School 6pm – 7:30pm

Public meeting conducted to solicit input for Draft 2014 Action Plan;
RFP released

Thursday, January 9th at OHCD 6pm – 7:30pm

Public meeting conducted to solicit input for Draft 2014 Action Plan;
RFPs available

ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Friday, January 10th

Technical Assistance Workshops to assist in developing a proposal (9am and 10am at OHCD offices, 608 Pleasant Street, second floor)

Friday, February 7th 12 PM

Deadline for all proposals at the Office of Housing and Community Development, 608 Pleasant Street

Tuesday, March 18th

Draft Action Plan 2014 published and distributed to public locations Distribution of Plan to City Council

Tuesday, March 18th — Monday, April 21st

Thirty-day public comment period on Draft Action Plan 2014

Thursday, April 24th

Submittal to City Council for vote authorizing Action Plan 2014

Wednesday, April 30^h

Submission of Final Action Plan 2014 to HUD

Tuesday, July 1st

2014 CDBG, ESG and HOME fiscal year begins

What's Needed in...



- Neighborhood Revitalization
- Affordable Housing
- Public Facilities
- Community Services
- Public Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Homeless Facilities and Services
- Planning

What Do You Think?

Community Input & Ideas



Public services

Child care
Homeless assistance
Health/wellness
Crime awareness
Credit counseling
Legal assistance
Youth programs/services
Recreation
Services for the disabled
Substance abuse
Transportation
Educational programming

Housing

Rental/homeownership
New Construction
Green building/Energy Efficiency
Elderly housing

Public facility improvements

Sewer and water Improvements
Handicap accessibility
Street/Sidewalk Improvements
Alternative Energy
Bike/walking paths
Community Centers
Parks and Recreation
Community/Senior Centers
Child Care
Community gardens/green space
Public Building renovations

Economic Development

Job creation/retention – loan pools
Job training
Business district
improvements/development

Homeless

Permanent housing, shelter improvements, rental assistance



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!!

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